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From-U.S. DEPT OF ENERGY EH-863

Dear Colonel Wrenn:

We appreciate the opportunity to express our concern in regards to the financial and load-factor rates that DOE is being charged for support services at USAKA. Your Base Operating contractor, RSE, charges us. we understand, at rates categorized as Other User and such rates, which have escalated considerably in recent times, have had a deleterious and negative impact on our operating budget there.

We currently receive support from USAKA under an existing DOE-USAKA MOU, which defines a variety of services available to us. In addition, DOE supports our national laboratory's (i.e. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) Weapons' Work at USAKA, which is associated directly with KMR and headed by Dr. Terry Lindman.

It would be our desire and recommendation, because of our mutual association under the MOU and the above programs, that DOE be treated and considered as a "Range User" and thus, eligible to receive the preferential rate established by USAKA for range users as opposed to the Other User category. Formerly, USAKA's Financial Policy and Rate Manual established three, chargeable categories, i.e. DOD rate, Federal Agency rate, and Other User (presumably private and commercial users') rate. We had been charged at a Federal Agency rate, but now, I am advised, that there is no such rate available...we are considered as and charged as 'other user'.

We welcome any consideration and relief that can be provided to DOE by USAKA. Incidentally, may we obtain an updated and recent copy of your Financial Policy and Rate Manual (FPRM)? Our extant copy dates from 15 February 1995.

Thank you.

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